

Sunday 3 October 2021

**18th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion
Physical Service in Madremanya**

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
 for I have walked with integrity; •
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; •
 examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; •
 I have walked in your truth.
- 4 I have not joined the company of the false, •
 nor consorted with the deceitful.
- 5 I hate the gathering of evildoers •
 and I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, •
 that I may go about your altar,
- 7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving •
 and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation •
 and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Sweep me not away with sinners, •
 nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
- 10 Whose hands are full of wicked schemes •
 and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will walk with integrity; •
 redem me, Lord, and be merciful to me.
- 12 My foot stands firm; •
 in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Hebrews 1.1-4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2.5-12

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

All: Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10.2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ ³ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ⁴ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ ⁵ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” ⁷ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sunday 10 October 2021
Holy Communion Physical service in Madremanyà

19th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 22.1-15

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, •
and are so far from my salvation,
from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,
but you do not answer; •
and by night also, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, •
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forebears trusted in you; •
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; •
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, •
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; •
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 ‘He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; •
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’
- 9 But it is you that took me out of the womb •
and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 On you was I cast ever since I was born; •
you are my God even from my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand •
and there is none to help.
- 12 Mighty oxen come around me; •
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths, •
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; •
my heart has become like wax

melting in the depths of my body.
15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;
 my tongue cleaves to my gums; •
 you have laid me in the dust of death.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4.12-end

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Mark 10.17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.’ ¹⁹ You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ ²⁰ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ ²⁹ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17 October 2021

**20th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Prayer**

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Psalm 104:1-10

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.
- 4 You make the clouds your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind.
- 5 You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.
- 6 You laid the foundations of the earth,
that it never should move at any time.
- 7 You covered it with the deep like a garment;
the waters stood high above the hills.
- 8 At your rebuke they fled;
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath,
to the place which you had appointed for them.
- 10 You have set them their bounds that they should not pass,
nor turn again to cover the earth.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 5.1-10

5 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; **3** and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. **4** And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
‘You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you’;
6 as he says also in another place,
‘You are a priest for ever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.’

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **9** and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, **10** having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Gospel Reading

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All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10.35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ ³⁶ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ ³⁷ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ ³⁹ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 24th October

**Last after Trinity
Bible Sunday
Morning Prayer**

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 19.7-end

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; •
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; •
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; •
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, •
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them also is your servant taught •
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend? •
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me; •
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, •
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is^{*} useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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John 5.36b-end

³⁶But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

39 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in^{*} you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sunday 31 October 2021

**4 before Advent / All Saints' Day
All Saints' Day**

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 25.6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24.1-6

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, •
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas •
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, •
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, •
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, •
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, •
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Revelation 21.1-6a

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ **6** Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading

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All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 11.32-44

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. **34** He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ **35** Jesus began to weep. **36** So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ **37** But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. **39** Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ **40** Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so

that they may believe that you sent me.’⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

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